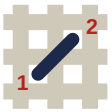
Retro backpack with sunset stripes

Needlepoint pattern | 72 x 72 stitches | 4 x 4 in (10.2 x 10.2 cm) on 18 mesh | 16 colors



How to stitch it



1. Each square is one tent stitch, up at 1, down at 2. Lines in continental, right to left, the canvas upside down for the next row; wide areas in basketweave.
2. Cut 18 in of thread. Start and end it without a knot left behind.
3. Mark the middle of the canvas. It is the outlined square, column 36, row 36 (DMC 712): start there. Count threads, not holes.
4. Go on from it: picture first, background last. End the thread before crossing another color.
5. Last, two more rows all round, each stitch in the color it lies beside: the board's edge hides them.

First time? How to needlepoint: flossfield.com/needlepoint/guides/how-to-start/
How to read a chart: flossfield.com/needlepoint/guides/how-to-read-a-chart/

What you need

Canvas: blank mono canvas, 18 mesh (18 threads to the inch), cut 8.5 in square (21.6 cm).

Needle: blunt tapestry, size 22. Also masking tape for the cut edges, and small scissors.

Thread: six-strand floss, 16 colors, about 16 skeins in all (an estimate). Stitch with 4 strands (5 or 6 if canvas shows).

Make it an ornament: board, thin batting, backing fabric and twisted cord.
How to finish an ornament.

Thread list, DMC

			stitches	skeins
●	3371	Black Brown	791	1
■	3854	Medium Autumn Gold	591	1
▲	922	Light Copper	499	1
◆	744	Pale Yellow	461	1
▼	469	Avocado Green	406	1
★	712	Cream	299	1
❖	919	Red Copper	288	1
X	936	Very Dark Avocado Green	253	1
H	318	Light Steel Gray	247	1
+	801	Dark Coffee Brown	241	1
=	3808	Ultra Very Dark Turquoise	234	1
Z	3810	Dark Turquoise	223	1
A	3811	Very Light Turquoise	204	1
V	783	Medium Topaz	200	1
T	780	Ultra Very Dark Topaz	141	1
N	921	Copper	106	1

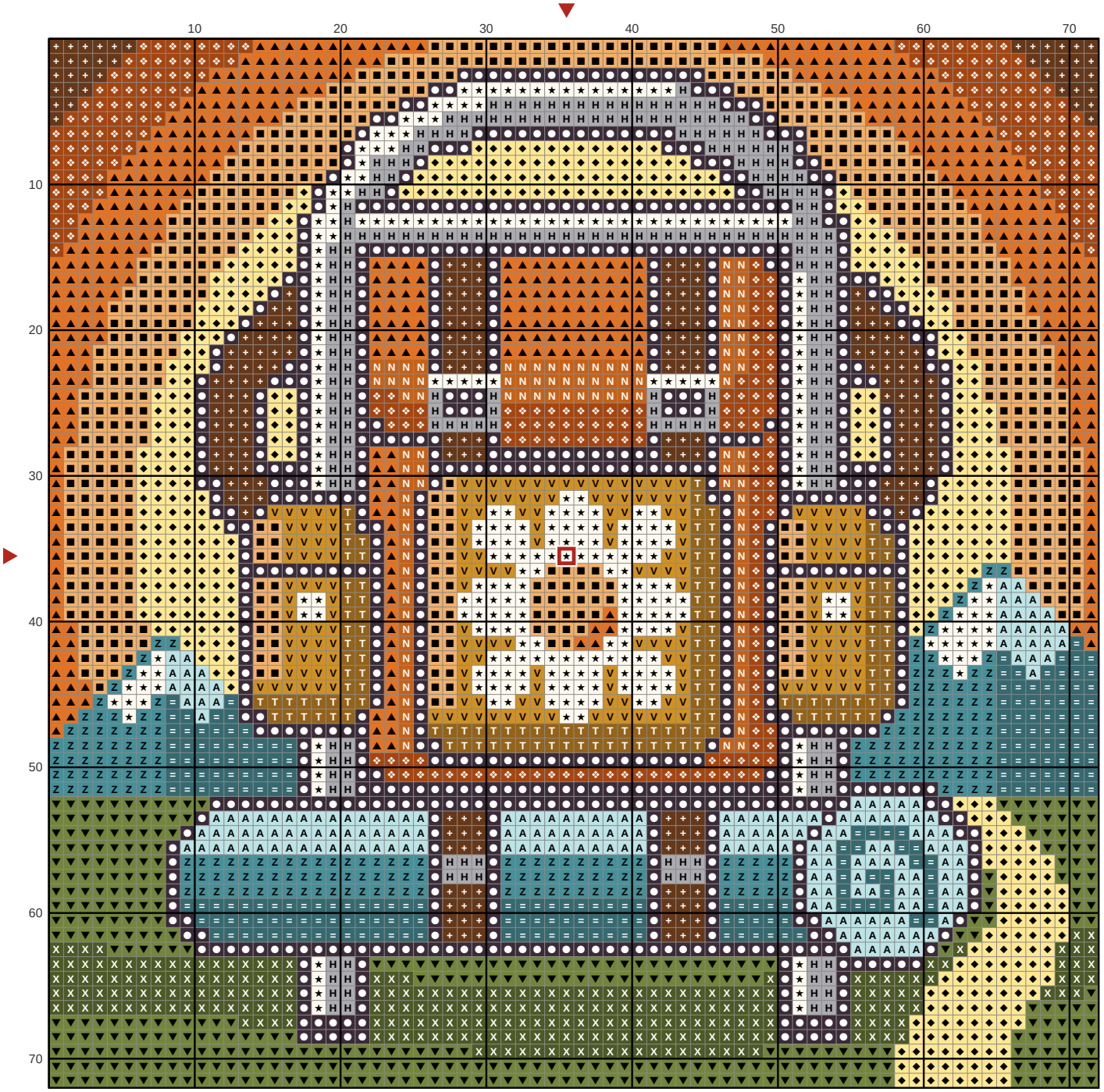
Skeins are estimates, with the two extra rows: the thread a stitch takes on the front and back of 18 mesh canvas, plus 30 percent, rounded up for each color.

Thread colors are approximate screen matches to DMC numbers. Check against real thread before you buy.

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Chart: 72 x 72 stitches. Start at the red outline



Key

- DMC 3371 Black Brown
- DMC 3854 Medium Autumn Gold
- DMC 922 Light Copper
- DMC 744 Pale Yellow
- DMC 469 Avocado Green
- DMC 712 Cream
- DMC 919 Red Copper
- DMC 936 Very Dark Avocado Green
- DMC 318 Light Steel Gray
- DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown
- DMC 3808 Ultra Very Dark Turquoise
- DMC 3810 Dark Turquoise
- DMC 3811 Very Light Turquoise
- DMC 783 Medium Topaz
- DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
- DMC 921 Copper